

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concerns about Biomass. Burning trees to produce energy is a waste of our resources. For example, Russell Biomass will be less the 25% efficient. That means that for every 10 trees they burn, they waste 7 and a half. The heat that is produced and river water used are wasted! This just doesn't make sense especially when you look at the pollution they will cause.

When I learned that the air studies were done in Albany, NY and at Westover, I was amazed. The topography of Albany and Westover are completely different from the Russell site.

We can not afford to make these kinds of mistakes and have to live with them. We need to support CLEAN energy.

When I read that Russell Biomass intends to purchase 60% of their fuel out of state AND sell their high cost electricity into the grid, I am angry that the citizens of Mass will have to live with the pollution and waste of our resources. How do we benefit? We don't!

My wife and children have asthma and I already watch them struggling to breathe. When I read that the doctors in the area had spoken out against these plants, I thought they would never be built and our Politicians would protect us from Incinerators! Are you going to do your job and protect my family? My daughter has been hospitalized twice with severe asthma attacks and we keep air cleaners running in our home all the time. We live in Russell and my family has been here for generations. It has been a great place to bring up my children and now I am worried that these greedy developers and politics will force me to relocate.

I urge you to stop these wood burning Biomass plants and support true clean renewable energy!

Sincerely,

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